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Dear Brinson

INFORMATION POLICY REPORT

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1. We have not received the "much correspondence" referred to in your letter PB 10/6 of 2 May, and your circular may therefore have been sent to us in error, but I thought you might nevertheless wish to have on record ~~our~~ account of our very limited information work here.
  2. The political conditions and atmosphere which make information work rather stony ground, described by the Ambassador in his report last year, still prevail. Moreover since the break in relations, the functions of this Interests Section are, by our agreement with the Swedes, limited to commercial, cultural, consular and administrative matters. Under the "cultural" umbrella we are keeping up the following, (with the agreement of the Swedes):
    - a. Press We receive the weekly selection of non-political articles in Arabic which is prepared for Middle Eastern posts in Beirut. The accompanying plates seem to be quite well appreciated by the newspapers here, and they are often printed with a caption of some sort even if the accompanying article does not get in. We also send to the English language press, material sent to us by the COI dealing with scientific and cultural matters. Take-up of this is erratic; one "placing" a week is as much as we can hope for.
    - b. Huna London We have had difficulties both over the supply and distribution of Huna London this year. However I hope that new arrangements agreed following the visit of the BBC's Beirut representative will enable us to resume its distribution on a regular basis. The magazine is greatly respected here, since the high standard of both its printing and feature articles compare favourably, with what is available locally.

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- c. Commercial Until the break in relations last December, the main commercial information activity was the monthly or bi-monthly meeting for local businessmen at which were shown COI films. These meetings have been discontinued and will not be resumed in the immediate future. Commercial Section continue to display and circulate the Kuwait Trade Newsletter produced by the Commercial Section in our Kuwait Embassy. Commercial trade magazines are still circulated to selected contacts in Iraqi government departments and companies; this is the only effective commercial information activity carried on at present.

*Yours ever*

*Ian Lewis*

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Mr. Gordon Nash.  
19/6.  
Mr. Brinson

Information Policy Report 1972 Baghdad

Not surprisingly this is almost  
a NIL report.

I attach a suggested reply  
for Mr. Brinson's signature

 19/6

Let it go from Mr. Gordon please.

John  
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INFORMATION POLICY REPORT 1972

1. Thank you for your letter 60/1 to Derek Brinson of 9 June. These annual reports are important to us even if they constitute an almost NIL return. They enable us to draw up our Information estimates for the next financial year on an up-to-date appraisal from each post.

2. Should conditions change even slightly and provide you with more information outlets than at present, the Regional desk in GIPD will be ready to help you exploit them. I hope you will not hesitate to get in touch with Ray Balfour about anything that comes up.

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N W H Gaydon  
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